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(S) On December 17, Lee Hong-yup of the ROK-U.S. Security Cooperation Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade notified the Embassy that the second flight test of the Haesong-II UAV (originally scheduled for December 18, then rescheduled for December 26 as reported reftels), has been canceled. Lee said that the Anheung missile testing grounds were still significantly contaminated by the December 7 oil spill off the western coast of South Korea, preventing the necessary preparations for the test flight. Lee said that the ROKG plans to conduct the test flight sometime in early 2008 and would inform the Embassy of the date when decided.

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